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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Guha, Supratik, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
FABRICATING OR ALTERING  
MICROSTRUCTURES USING  
LOCAL CHEMICAL ALTERATIONS§  
§ Group Art Unit: 1765§  
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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 20, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 20, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/IBMY/920030416, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.